

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 65

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 4

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 65—Relative to Fragile X Awareness Day.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 65, Hollingsworth. Fragile X Awareness Day.

This measure would declare April 18 of each year to be California Fragile X Awareness Day.

WHEREAS, Fragile X is the most common inherited cause of mental retardation, affecting people of every race, income level, and nationality; and

WHEREAS, One in every 260 women is a carrier of the Fragile X defect; and

WHEREAS, One in every 4,000 children is born with the Fragile X defect, and typically requires a lifetime of special care at a cost of over \$2,000,000; and

WHEREAS, Fragile X remains frequently undetected due to its recent discovery and the lack of awareness about the disease, even within the medical community; and

WHEREAS, The genetic defect causing Fragile X has been discovered, and is easily identified by testing; and

WHEREAS, Inquiry into Fragile X is a powerful research model for neuropsychiatric disorders, such as autism, schizophrenia, pervasive developmental disorders, and other forms of X-linked mental retardation; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with Fragile X can provide a homogeneous research population for advancing the understanding of neuropsychiatric disorders; and

WHEREAS, With concerted research efforts, a cure for Fragile X may be developed; and

WHEREAS, Fragile X research, both basic and applied, has been vastly underfunded despite the prevalence of the disorder, the potential for the development of a cure, the established benefits of available treatments and intervention, and the significance that Fragile X research has for related disorders; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of California as an institution and Members of the Legislature as individuals are in unique positions to help raise public awareness about the need for increased funding for research and early diagnosis and treatment for the disorder known as Fragile X; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature declares April 18 of each year to be California Fragile X Awareness Day; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.